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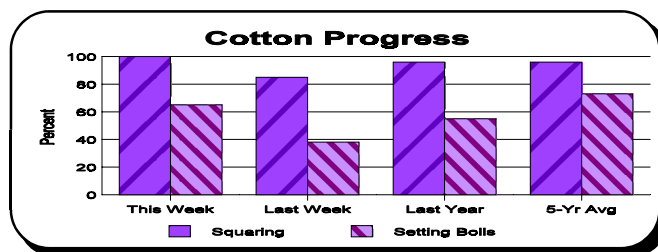
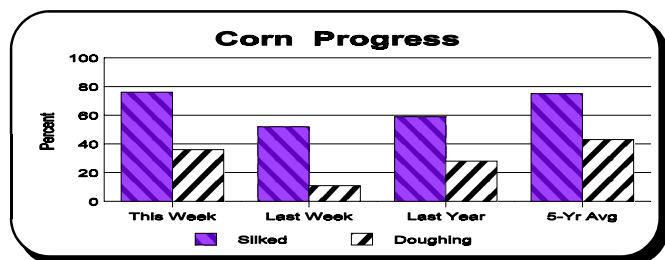
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 2004

NEW MEXICO: There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 8% very short, 25% short, 57% adequate, and 10% surplus. Farmers spent their time irrigating and maintaining crops, spraying weeds, cultivating, and cutting and baling alfalfa. General crop conditions were slightly affected by wind with 10% light, 7% moderate, and 1% severe damage reported. Hail damage was minimal with 3% light and 1% moderate damage reported. Crops most affected by hail and wind were cotton, chile, and peanuts. Alfalfa was reported as 1% poor, 33% fair, 49% good, and 17% excellent with the 2nd cutting complete, the 3rd approaching completion at 86% , and the 4th progressing at 17% cut. An increase in precipitation has improved cotton conditions with 4% poor, 24% fair, 61% good, and 11% excellent. Progress was at 65% setting bolls and 100% squaring. Corn also improved with conditions shifting toward excellent, and 76 % of the crop was silking and 36% doughing. Sorghum was reported as 4% poor, 67% fair, and 29% good, with 7% of the total crop headed. Winter wheat harvesting came to an end. Peanuts were in mostly fair to good condition and 86% were pegging. Pecans were fair to excellent, with nut set mostly average. Chile conditions were listed as fair to excellent. Apple conditions improved to mostly fair, and other crops such as pumpkin and watermelon appeared in good condition. Ranchers were busy rebuilding water gaps caused by the rains, maintaining herds, and providing supplemental feeding. Cattle conditions improved with reports indicating 4% very poor, 8% poor, 22% fair, 56% good, and 10% excellent. Sheep conditions decreased despite favorable conditions with 13% very poor, 16% poor, 36% fair, 32% good, and 3% excellent. Sufficient moisture has caused range and pasture conditions to improve slightly with 20% reported very poor, 24% poor, 36% fair, and 20% good.

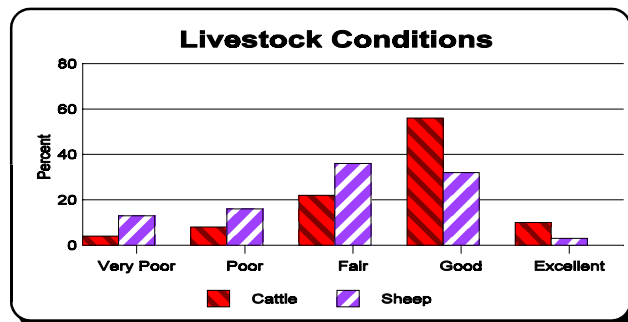
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Silked	76	52	59	75
CORN	Doughing	36	11	28	43
COTTON	Squaring	100	85	96	96
COTTON	Setting Bolls	65	38	55	73
PEANUTS	Pegging	86	75	65	44
SORGHUM	Headed	7	3	3	9



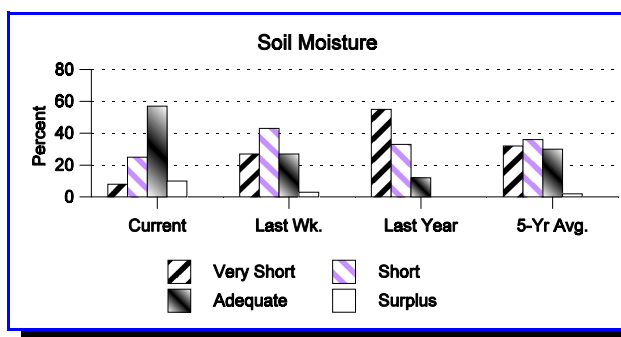
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	—	1	33	49	17
Apples	10	20	50	17	3
Chile	—	—	22	60	18
Corn	—	—	11	84	5
Cotton	—	4	24	61	11
Peanuts	—	1	41	49	9
Pecans	—	—	24	42	34
Sorghum	—	4	67	29	—
Cattle	4	8	22	56	10
Sheep	13	16	36	32	3
Range/Pasture	20	24	36	20	—



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	—	20	80	--
Northeast	4	22	70	4
Southwest	30	37	25	8
Southeast	3	21	51	25
State Current	8	25	57	10
State-Last Wk.	27	43	27	3
State-Last Year	55	33	12	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	32	36	30	2



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CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 124,000 on July 1, 2004, an increase of 6,000 head over the June 1, 2004 total of 118,000. Placements in feedlots during June were 26,000, while marketings totaled 19,000 head. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.12 million head on July 1, 2004. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.64 million, 2 percent below 2003 and down slightly from 2002. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.08 million, 7 percent below 2003 but up slightly from 2002. Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during June, 15 percent above 2003 and 37 percent above 2002.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	7/1/03	6/1/04	7/1/04	-----DURING-----								
				6/03	5/04	6/04	6/03	5/04	6/04	6/03	5/04	6/04
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	266	294	295	34	29	31	32	28	28	2	2	2
CA	490	520	520	73	91	69	63	63	62	5	8	7
CO	890	1,010	940	125	*270	140	220	*185	200	5	15	10
ID	255	255	240	63	74	47	67	67	60	1	2	2
IA	310	400	390	34	50	50	68	63	59	1	2	1
KS	2,160	2,250	2,090	415	495	400	510	465	540	15	20	20
NE	1,690	2,010	1,850	270	390	285	500	470	435	10	10	10
NM	115	*118	124	21	*27	26	13	12	19	3	2	1
OK	350	330	315	52	92	52	59	70	64	3	2	3
SD	167	188	173	27	28	20	55	37	34	3	3	1
TX	2,820	2,810	2,760	470	740	455	520	480	495	10	10	10
WA	160	155	150	39	35	34	38	39	38	1	1	1
Oth Sts	250	*285	270	49	46	30	82	*44	43	2	2	2
US	9,923	*10,625	10,117	1,672	*2,367	1,639	2,227	*2,023	2,077	61	79	70

* - Revised. ^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CATTLE INVENTORY

United States July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2004, totaled 103.6 million head, down slightly from the 103.9 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 105.1 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million, were slightly below the 42.7 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 42.9 million two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.5 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below two years ago.

Milk cows, at 9.0 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2003 and down 2 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2004 and the changes from July 1, 2003, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.95 million, up slightly.

Beef replacement heifers, 4.8 million, up 4 percent.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.6 million, unchanged.

Other heifers, 7.55 million, down 2 percent.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, unchanged.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.05 million, down 2 percent.

Calves under 500 pounds, 28.9 million, down slightly.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.8 million, down slightly.

Calf Crop Down 1 Percent: The 2004 calf crop is expected to be 37.7 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Class and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 2002 - 2004

Class	2002	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Percent-----
Cattle and Calves	105,100	103,900	103,600	100
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	42,900	42,700	42,500	100
Beef Cows	33,750	33,600	33,500	100
Milk Cows	9,150	9,100	9,000	99
Heifers 500 pounds and Over	16,200	15,900	15,950	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	4,800	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,600	3,600	100
Other Heifers	7,900	7,700	7,550	98
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,500	14,200	14,200	100
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,050	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,400	29,000	28,900	100
Calf Crop	38,224	37,903	37,700	99
Cattle on Feed	12,500	11,810	11,800	100

SHEEP INVENTORY

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2004, totaled 7.65 million head, 2 percent below July 1, 2003. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.55 million head on July 1, 2004 was 1 percent below July 1, 2003. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs) at 3.11 million head, were 3 percent below last July.

The breeding flock consists of 3.75 million ewes one year old and older, 180,000 rams one year old and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region and United States, July 1, 2003 - 2004

Regions ^{1/}	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Market Sheep & Lambs	
	2003	2004	2004 as % 2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Head----		----Percent----	-----1,000 Head-----			
Region 1	1,330	1,290	97	830	810	500	480
Region 2	1,620	1,540	95	1,050	1,010	570	530
Region 3	2,610	2,600	100	1,420	1,430	1,190	1,170
Region 4	1,220	1,180	97	670	650	550	530
Region 5	1,020	1,040	102	640	645	380	395
U.S.	7,800	7,650	98	4,610	4,545	3,190	3,105

^{1/} States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other states.